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# TEXAS
## *LABOR MARKET REVIEW*

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION | DECEMBER 1990 | AUSTIN, TX 78778

## THANKS, TEXAS EMPLOYERS!

*As 1990 ends and we all look forward to the New Year, we at TEC wish to once again express our gratitude to all employers who are participating in our various programs which collect data from you. Your continued cooperation makes it possible for us to generate much of the information in this newsletter. We join with you in hoping that 1991 will be a better year for Texas and for all of you!*

### Unemployment Rises in November

Following a substantial decline in October, the Statewide actual unemployment rate rose again in November. The October rate in the actual (not seasonally adjusted) series was 5.3 percent—the lowest it had been in several years. In November, however, the rate for Texas increased to 6.8 percent, its highest level since February 1990. The current rate was just below the November 1989 level of 6.9 percent. The number of jobless Texans rose by 138,000 from October to November, totaling 583,100 in mid-November.

Total employment in the actual series decreased slightly over the month, to an estimated 7,941,300 in November. The current level of employment was slightly above the year-ago level but had declined moderately from the October level. Statewide employment peaked this year in June, when there were eight million Texans working, but the level has been declining slightly each month since that time. The Current Population Survey showed an estimated 257,600 agricultural workers in Texas in mid-November 1990.

The seasonally adjusted rate for Texas followed the same pattern as the actual rate, rising from 5.7 percent in October to 7.0 percent in November 1990, just below the 7.1 percent rate for November 1989. The U. S.

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**CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**
**(In Thousands)**

| | Nov.'90 | Oct. '90 | Nov.'89 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 124,822.0 | 125,021.0 | 124,663.0 |
| Unemployment | 7,211.0 | 6,722.0 | 6,495.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.8% | 5.4% | 5.2% |
| Total Employment | 117,611.0 | 118,299.0 | 118,168.0 |
| **UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 124,616.0 | 124,784.0 | 124,488.0 |
| Unemployment | 7,355.0 | 7,073.0 | 6,652.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.9% | 5.7% | 5.3% |
| Total Employment | 117,261.0 | 117,711.0 | 117,836.0 |
| **STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 8,524.4 | 8,406.1 | 8,514.9 |
| Unemployment | 583.1 | 445.0 | 588.2 |
| Percent Unemployed | 6.8% | 5.3% | 6.9% |
| Total Employment | 7,941.3 | 7,961.1 | 7,926.7 |
| **STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 8,470.0 | 8,398.0 | 8,450.0 |
| Unemployment | 592.0 | 482.0 | 596.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.0% | 5.7% | 7.1% |
| Total Employment | 7,878.0 | 7,916.0 | 7,854.0 |

# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✣
# TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | NOV.'90* | OCT.'90** | NOV.'89** | NOV.'90* | OCT.'90** | NOV.'89** | NOV.'90* | OCT.'90** | NOV.'89** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 52,300 | 51,500 | 53,000 | 96,200 | 95,600 | 98,000 | 434,800 | 431,400 | 437,800 |
| Total Unemployment | 3,400 | 2,600 | 3,400 | 4,800 | 4,000 | 5,600 | 20,900 | 17,300 | 22,700 |
| Percent Unemployed | 6.5% | 5.0% | 6.4% | 5.0% | 4.2% | 5.7% | 4.8% | 4.0% | 5.2% |
| Total Employment ++ | 48,900 | 48,900 | 49,600 | 91,400 | 91,600 | 92,400 | 413,900 | 414,100 | 415,100 |
| | BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR | | | BRAZORIA | | | BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 167,000 | 163,700 | 165,600 | 87,400 | 86,700 | 86,300 | 109,200 | 104,600 | 107,100 |
| Total Unemployment | 12,900 | 9,900 | 14,600 | 5,200 | 4,200 | 6,200 | 14,100 | 9,600 | 13,300 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.7% | 6.0% | 8.8% | 5.9% | 4.8% | 7.2% | 12.9% | 9.2% | 12.4% |
| Total Employment ++ | 154,100 | 153,800 | 151,000 | 82,200 | 82,500 | 80,100 | 95,100 | 95,000 | 93,800 |
| | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS*** | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 63,100 | 62,700 | 63,100 | 162,000 | 158,500 | 159,600 | 1,457.4 | 1,444.0 | 1,462.7 |
| Total Unemployment | 2,100 | 1,900 | 2,700 | 14,000 | 10,600 | 13,400 | 84.0 | 67.0 | 81.4 |
| Percent Unemployed | 3.3% | 3.0% | 4.3% | 8.6% | 6.7% | 8.4% | 5.8% | 4.6% | 5.6% |
| Total Employment ++ | 61,000 | 60,800 | 60,400 | 148,000 | 147,900 | 146,200 | 1,373.4 | 1,377.0 | 1,381.3 |
| | EL PASO | | | FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON | | | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 259,300 | 253,000 | 256,900 | 738,200 | 728,500 | 731,200 | 110,900 | 108,800 | 109,300 |
| Total Unemployment | 31,300 | 24,200 | 28,500 | 44,800 | 32,400 | 41,200 | 9,000 | 6,700 | 8,700 |
| Percent Unemployed | 12.1% | 9.6% | 11.1% | 6.1% | 4.4% | 5.6% | 8.1% | 6.2% | 8.0% |
| Total Employment ++ | 228,000 | 228,800 | 228,400 | 693,400 | 696,100 | 690,000 | 101,900 | 102,100 | 100,600 |
| | HOUSTON*** | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | | LAREDO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 1,715.8 | 1,698.8 | 1,699.2 | 98,600 | 97,900 | 98,400 | 54,300 | 52,700 | 54,700 |
| Total Unemployment | 98.2 | 79.4 | 100.7 | 7,900 | 6,100 | 7,700 | 6,200 | 4,400 | 6,800 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.7% | 4.7% | 5.9% | 8.0% | 6.2% | 7.8% | 11.4% | 8.3% | 12.4% |
| Total Employment ++ | 1,617.6 | 1,619.4 | 1,598.5 | 90,700 | 91,800 | 90,700 | 48,100 | 48,300 | 47,900 |
| | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | | LUBBOCK | | | MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 80,600 | 79,600 | 81,100 | 116,900 | 115,200 | 116,000 | 170,500 | 157,300 | 168,200 |
| Total Unemployment | 6,200 | 4,700 | 6,700 | 6,200 | 4,900 | 5,400 | 34,900 | 22,800 | 33,300 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.7% | 5.9% | 8.3% | 5.3% | 4.3% | 4.7% | 20.5% | 14.5% | 19.8% |
| Total Employment ++ | 74,400 | 74,900 | 74,400 | 110,700 | 110,300 | 110,600 | 135,600 | 134,500 | 134,900 |
| | MIDLAND | | | ODESSA | | | SAN ANGELO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 48,900 | 48,400 | 49,800 | 51,600 | 51,200 | 52,200 | 43,800 | 43,300 | 45,500 |
| Total Unemployment | 2,600 | 2,200 | 3,100 | 2,800 | 2,300 | 4,000 | 2,500 | 2,000 | 2,900 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.3% | 4.5% | 6.2% | 5.4% | 4.5% | 7.7% | 5.7% | 4.6% | 6.4% |
| Total Employment ++ | 46,300 | 46,200 | 46,700 | 48,800 | 48,900 | 48,200 | 41,300 | 41,300 | 42,600 |
| | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | | TEXARKANA | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 617,100 | 606,400 | 618,600 | 47,400 | 46,600 | 47,700 | 58,300 | 58,200 | 59,100 |
| Total Unemployment | 48,000 | 36,500 | 46,600 | 3,000 | 2,200 | 2,900 | 4,000 | 4,200 | 4,000 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.8% | 6.0% | 7.5% | 6.3% | 4.7% | 6.1% | 6.9% | 7.2% | 6.8% |
| Total Employment ++ | 569,100 | 569,900 | 572,000 | 44,400 | 44,400 | 44,800 | 54,300 | 54,000 | 55,100 |
| | TYLER | | | VICTORIA | | | WACO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 75,200 | 74,100 | 75,900 | 35,600 | 35,400 | 36,800 | 95,500 | 94,200 | 94,500 |
| Total Unemployment | 5,400 | 4,100 | 5,100 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 2,200 | 6,200 | 4,700 | 5,800 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.2% | 5.5% | 6.7% | 4.8% | 4.2% | 6.0% | 6.5% | 5.0% | 6.1% |
| Total Employment ++ | 69,800 | 70,000 | 70,800 | 33,900 | 33,900 | 34,600 | 89,300 | 89,500 | 88,700 |
| | WICHITA FALLS | | | | | | STATE OF TEXAS*** | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 56,400 | 55,500 | 57,100 | | | | 8,524.4 | 8,406.1 | 8,514.9 |
| Total Unemployment | 3,800 | 2,800 | 3,600 | | | | 583.1 | 445.0 | 588.2 |
| Percent Unemployed | 6.7% | 5.0% | 6.3% | | | | 6.8% | 5.3% | 6.9% |
| Total Employment ++ | 52,600 | 52,700 | 53,500 | | | | 7,941.3 | 7,961.1 | 7,926.7 |

✣ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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seasonally adjusted rate was also up over the month, from 5.7 percent in October to 5.9 percent in November—well above the year-ago level of 5.3 percent. The actual rate rose from 5.4 percent in October to 5.8 percent in November and was also above the November 1989 level of 5.2 percent.

### Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Hit 7 Million Mark

Although Texas employers created fewer jobs between October and November 1990 than during the same period a year earlier, Nonfarm Salaried Jobs did increase more than 23,000 over the month. In mid-November, there were an estimated 7,017,000 **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary** jobs in the State—passing the seven million mark for the first time. This figure was up 123,400 from November 1989.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 23,400 over the month. At 6,050,000, November's figure was up from a year ago by 127,700. The most significant increase occurred in **Wholesale and Retail Trade**, which registered 1,718,200 jobs in November, up 8,900 from October, and up 11,100 over the year. Retail Trade showed an over-the-month increase of 7,600, reflecting the first large staffing additions for the approaching holiday season. General Merchandise Stores reported an increase of 6,700. Other significant increases in Retail Trade were reflected in Apparel and Accessory Stores, up 1,200, and in Other Retail Trade, up by 1,500. Wholesale Trade, overall, increased by 1,300. Most of these over-the-month increases in Trade generated only half as many jobs this year compared to the same period in 1989. Eating and Drinking Places registered the biggest loss in Trade, dropping seasonally by 2,600. However,employment in this industry is still up over employment this time last year.

**Government** gained 8,700 from October, and 46,100 from November 1989. Education dominated the growth in Local Government as it rose by 6,300, causing the Local Government total to jump up by 7,200. Education also added 900 positions in State Government, bringing that total up by 1,900 over the month.

An improved business climate in the oil and gas industry resulted in approximately 2,900 new jobs for **Mining**. The most dramatic growth occurred in Oil and Gas Field Services, causing a gain of 3,000 in Oil and Gas Extraction.

**Transportation and Public Utilities** and **Services** both gained 1,500 jobs over the month. Other Transportation provided the largest gain as holiday travel boosted employment in Transportation by Air. Water Transportation and Trucking industries also increased employment by 800. **Services**

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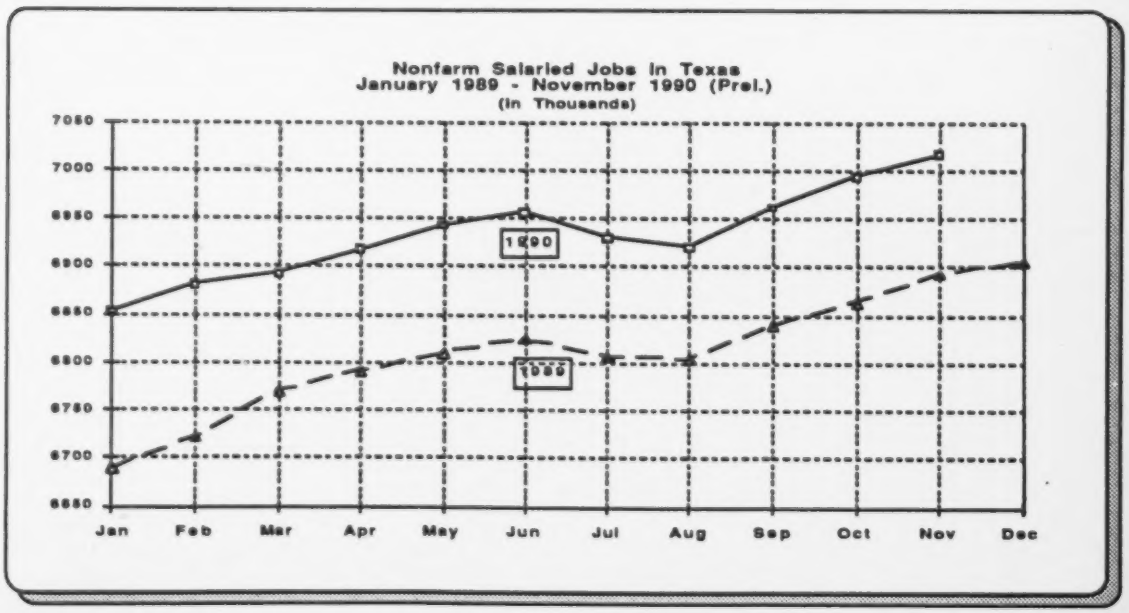

# TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

| | Nov. '90* | Oct. '90** | Nov. '89** | Chg. from Oct. '90 | Chg. from Nov. '89 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | **7,017,000** | **6,993,700** | **6,893,600** | **23,300** | **123,400** |
| **MANUFACTURING** | **967,000** | **967,100** | **971,300** | **-100** | **-4,300** |
| **Durable Goods** | **550,600** | **550,900** | **555,700** | **-300** | **-5,100** |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 30,800 | 30,900 | 30,300 | -100 | 500 |
| Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills | 7,100 | 7,100 | 6,900 | 0 | 200 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 16,300 | 16,600 | 16,900 | -300 | -600 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 34,800 | 34,800 | 36,800 | 0 | -2,000 |
| Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod. | 14,800 | 14,700 | 15,900 | 100 | -1,100 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 29,400 | 29,200 | 29,100 | 200 | 300 |
| Fabricated Metal Industries | 79,400 | 79,000 | 77,500 | 400 | 1,900 |
| Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod. | 38,200 | 38,000 | 37,100 | 200 | 1,100 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 108,300 | 107,800 | 105,700 | 500 | 2,600 |
| Oil & Gas Field Machinery | 25,500 | 24,700 | 22,900 | 800 | 2,600 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment | 103,000 | 103,000 | 106,800 | 0 | -3,800 |
| Transportation Equipment | 96,400 | 97,500 | 100,400 | -1,100 | -4,000 |
| Aircraft & Parts | 68,900 | 69,600 | 72,900 | -700 | -4,000 |
| Instruments & Related Prod. | 36,500 | 36,400 | 36,700 | 100 | -200 |
| Misc. Manufacturing Industries | 15,700 | 15,700 | 15,500 | 0 | 200 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | **416,400** | **416,200** | **415,600** | **200** | **800** |
| Food & Kindred Products | 100,600 | 100,500 | 97,800 | 100 | 2,800 |
| Meat Products | 30,400 | 30,500 | 29,400 | -100 | 1,000 |
| Dairy Products | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,200 | 0 | -100 |
| Bakery Products | 9,800 | 9,800 | 10,200 | 0 | -400 |
| Malt Beverages | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,000 | 0 | 200 |
| Textile Mill Products | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,100 | 0 | -300 |
| Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod. | 53,500 | 53,800 | 57,400 | -300 | -3,900 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 24,700 | 24,600 | 24,700 | 100 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 71,400 | 71,600 | 73,100 | -200 | -1,700 |
| Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. | 33,400 | 33,400 | 34,400 | 0 | -1,000 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 84,600 | 84,200 | 81,200 | 400 | 3,400 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 29,700 | 29,500 | 28,500 | 200 | 1,200 |
| Petroleum Refining | 26,400 | 26,200 | 25,300 | 200 | 1,100 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products | 40,800 | 40,900 | 40,700 | -100 | 100 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 7,200 | 7,200 | 8,000 | 0 | -800 |
| **TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING** | **6,050,000** | **6,026,600** | **5,922,300** | **23,400** | **127,700** |
| **Mining** | **183,700** | **180,800** | **174,400** | **2,900** | **9,300** |
| Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel | 9,600 | 9,700 | 9,700 | -100 | -100 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 174,100 | 171,100 | 164,700 | 3,000 | 9,400 |
| **Construction** | **325,800** | **325,400** | **317,500** | **400** | **8,300** |
| **Transportation & Public Utilities** | **419,900** | **418,400** | **406,800** | **1,500** | **13,100** |
| Railroad Transportation | 18,600 | 18,600 | 19,800 | 0 | -1,200 |
| Other Transportation | 236,800 | 235,300 | 224,700 | 1,500 | 12,100 |
| Transportation by Air | 76,600 | 76,100 | 69,200 | 500 | 7,400 |
| Communications | 86,800 | 87,000 | 85,300 | -200 | 1,500 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services | 77,700 | 77,500 | 77,000 | 200 | 700 |
| Electric Services | 40,500 | 40,400 | 40,600 | 100 | -100 |
| Gas Production & Distribution | 27,600 | 27,600 | 27,600 | 0 | 0 |
| **Wholesale & Retail Trade** | **1,718,200** | **1,709,300** | **1,707,100** | **8,900** | **11,100** |
| Wholesale Trade | 427,700 | 426,400 | 427,000 | 1,300 | 700 |
| Retail Trade | 1,290,500 | 1,282,900 | 1,280,100 | 7,600 | 10,400 |
| Building Materials & Garden Supplies | 42,200 | 41,500 | 41,700 | 700 | 500 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 185,000 | 178,300 | 184,600 | 6,700 | 400 |
| Food Stores | 227,300 | 227,000 | 228,200 | 300 | -900 |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations | 136,900 | 137,100 | 136,300 | -200 | 600 |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores | 83,900 | 82,700 | 86,200 | 1,200 | -2,300 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 430,100 | 432,700 | 417,100 | -2,600 | 13,000 |
| Other Retail Trade | 185,100 | 183,600 | 186,000 | 1,500 | -900 |
| **Finance, Ins. & Real Estate** | **430,600** | **431,100** | **432,500** | **-500** | **-1,900** |
| Depository Insts., incl. Banks | 131,400 | 131,700 | 134,400 | -300 | -3,000 |
| Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 142,900 | 142,400 | 140,200 | 500 | 2,700 |
| Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 156,300 | 157,000 | 157,900 | -700 | -1,600 |
| **Services** | **1,678,300** | **1,676,800** | **1,636,600** | **1,500** | **41,700** |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 84,600 | 84,700 | 85,800 | -100 | -1,200 |
| Personal Services | 80,400 | 80,800 | 77,700 | -400 | 2,700 |
| Business & Repair Services | 419,800 | 420,700 | 412,500 | -900 | 7,300 |
| Amusement, Including Motion Pictures | 73,100 | 73,600 | 74,300 | -500 | -1,200 |
| Health Services | 473,900 | 472,300 | 452,600 | 1,600 | 21,300 |
| Educational Services | 84,400 | 83,800 | 84,200 | 600 | 200 |
| Engineering & Mgmt. Services | 150,600 | 150,200 | 145,900 | 400 | 4,700 |
| Other Services & Miscellaneous | 311,500 | 310,700 | 303,600 | 800 | 7,900 |
| **Total Government** | **1,293,500** | **1,284,800** | **1,247,400** | **8,700** | **46,100** |
| Federal Government | 200,500 | 200,900 | 205,000 | -400 | -4,500 |
| State Government | 271,500 | 269,600 | 255,500 | 1,900 | 16,000 |
| Local Government | 821,500 | 814,300 | 786,900 | 7,200 | 34,600 |

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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# NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
# TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| Industry | NOV.'90* | OCT. '90** | NOV.'89** | NOV.'90* | OCT. '90** | NOV.'89** | NOV.'90* | OCT. '90** | NOV.'89** | NOV.'90* | OCT. '90** | NOV.'89** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | | BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR | | |
| TOTAL | 49,100 | 49,100 | 48,700 | 77,300 | 77,100 | 77,000 | 373,700 | 372,800 | 368,800 | 142,400 | 141,600 | 137,300 |
| Manufacturing | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,900 | 9,100 | 8,800 | 9,100 | 45,900 | 46,000 | 45,400 | 25,400 | 25,200 | 24,600 |
| Mining | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,100 | 600 | 600 | 700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,500 |
| Construction | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,500 | 10,900 | 11,000 | 11,200 | 11,700 | 11,400 | 10,400 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,600 | 5,600 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 11,300 | 11,300 | 11,300 | 9,700 | 9,700 | 9,700 |
| Trade | 13,400 | 13,300 | 13,300 | 21,900 | 21,700 | 22,300 | 78,600 | 78,100 | 79,600 | 33,300 | 33,000 | 32,600 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,000 | 23,700 | 23,700 | 23,800 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,300 |
| Services & Misc. | 14,300 | 14,300 | 13,900 | 17,400 | 17,400 | 17,000 | 93,700 | 93,900 | 91,300 | 33,900 | 34,000 | 32,000 |
| Government | 8,900 | 8,900 | 8,900 | 15,000 | 15,200 | 14,300 | 109,000 | 108,200 | 105,500 | 21,300 | 21,200 | 21,200 |
| | BRAZORIA | | | BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN | | | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | | CORPUS CHRISTI | | |
| TOTAL | 65,400 | 65,000 | 62,700 | 76,100 | 75,800 | 74,700 | 55,500 | 54,900 | 53,800 | 131,700 | 130,700 | 128,900 |
| Manufacturing | 16,800 | 16,600 | 16,000 | 10,700 | 10,900 | 10,800 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,700 | 12,200 | 11,900 | 11,500 |
| Mining | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | — | — | — | 500 | 500 | 500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Construction | 9,200 | 9,100 | 8,200 | 2,200 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 10,800 | 10,600 | 10,000 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 3,300 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,400 | 6,800 | 6,700 | 6,700 |
| Trade | 11,900 | 11,900 | 11,500 | 20,300 | 20,200 | 20,200 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,100 | 31,900 | 32,400 | 31,900 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 6,100 | 6,200 | 6,400 |
| Services & Misc. | 9,100 | 9,100 | 8,900 | 18,100 | 17,900 | 17,400 | 9,500 | 9,400 | 8,800 | 31,000 | 30,400 | 30,400 |
| Government | 12,000 | 11,900 | 11,700 | 17,800 | 17,800 | 17,200 | 25,300 | 24,800 | 24,200 | 29,300 | 28,900 | 28,500 |
| | DALLAS *** | | | EL PASO | | | FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON | | | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | |
| TOTAL | 1,374.1 | 1,372.3 | 1,366.0 | 209,000 | 208,600 | 205,700 | 581,100 | 581,200 | 570,400 | 75,700 | 75,800 | 73,800 |
| Manufacturing | 219.9 | 220.1 | 224.2 | 41,000 | 41,600 | 40,600 | 117,300 | 116,800 | 120,000 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,900 |
| Mining | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.1 | — | — | — | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 700 | 600 | 500 |
| Construction | 46.4 | 46.5 | 47.3 | 8,100 | 8,000 | 8,200 | 20,300 | 20,600 | 21,500 | 6,400 | 6,100 | 6,100 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 80.6 | 80.7 | 80.0 | 10,500 | 10,600 | 10,100 | 57,300 | 57,200 | 53,600 | 5,200 | 5,300 | 4,900 |
| Trade | 365.4 | 361.6 | 354.5 | 53,500 | 52,900 | 52,700 | 147,500 | 146,100 | 145,800 | 13,800 | 13,900 | 13,600 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 126.1 | 127.1 | 129.7 | 8,500 | 8,400 | 8,400 | 27,500 | 27,700 | 27,800 | 4,400 | 4,500 | 4,400 |
| Services & Misc. | 353.1 | 355.0 | 353.1 | 42,800 | 42,700 | 41,800 | 127,000 | 127,500 | 123,500 | 13,900 | 14,100 | 13,600 |
| Government | 165.4 | 164.1 | 160.1 | 44,600 | 44,400 | 43,900 | 80,100 | 79,200 | 74,200 | 22,500 | 22,500 | 21,800 |
| | HOUSTON *** | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | | LAREDO | | | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | |
| TOTAL | 1,568.5 | 1,564.5 | 1,524.0 | 73,600 | 74,000 | 73,900 | 44,900 | 44,700 | 43,900 | 69,000 | 69,300 | 67,900 |
| Manufacturing | 166.4 | 166.4 | 163.1 | 9,000 | 8,800 | 8,700 | 1,900 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 15,800 | 15,900 | 16,100 |
| Mining | 70.0 | 69.2 | 66.2 | — | — | — | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,400 |
| Construction | 100.8 | 102.1 | 97.5 | 2,800 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 3,400 | 3,600 | 3,300 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 108.3 | 107.8 | 107.0 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,700 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,200 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| Trade | 375.7 | 372.7 | 371.2 | 16,200 | 16,300 | 17,100 | 14,400 | 14,400 | 14,300 | 17,100 | 17,100 | 17,100 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 102.3 | 102.8 | 101.1 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,100 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,800 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,700 |
| Services & Misc. | 436.2 | 435.7 | 418.6 | 17,200 | 17,400 | 17,400 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,200 | 13,900 | 13,900 | 13,300 |
| Government | 208.9 | 207.8 | 199.3 | 22,700 | 22,800 | 21,900 | 10,100 | 10,000 | 9,600 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,700 |
| | LUBBOCK | | | MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION | | | MIDLAND | | | ODESSA | | |
| TOTAL | 98,300 | 97,900 | 97,300 | 101,700 | 100,700 | 100,500 | 45,100 | 45,000 | 44,700 | 43,800 | 43,900 | 42,900 |
| Manufacturing | 7,100 | 7,200 | 7,400 | 13,700 | 13,600 | 13,100 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,200 |
| Mining | 200 | 200 | 300 | 900 | 900 | 1,000 | 8,900 | 8,800 | 8,700 | 5,400 | 5,300 | 5,200 |
| Construction | 3,400 | 3,300 | 3,200 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,300 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,300 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,000 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 5,700 | 5,600 | 5,200 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,100 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,300 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Trade | 28,300 | 28,400 | 28,400 | 31,800 | 31,300 | 31,900 | 11,100 | 11,100 | 11,000 | 13,000 | 13,100 | 12,600 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,500 | 4,200 | 4,300 | 4,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 24,100 | 24,100 | 23,800 | 17,300 | 16,900 | 16,600 | 9,500 | 9,600 | 9,400 | 8,000 | 7,900 | 7,600 |
| Government | 24,200 | 23,800 | 23,500 | 26,300 | 26,200 | 26,100 | 7,200 | 7,100 | 7,200 | 8,000 | 8,200 | 7,800 |
| | SAN ANGELO | | | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | | TEXARKANA | | |
| TOTAL | 36,200 | 35,800 | 36,800 | 520,800 | 518,000 | 516,900 | 37,200 | 37,100 | 37,500 | 46,400 | 46,400 | 47,700 |
| Manufacturing | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,300 | 45,700 | 45,300 | 48,700 | 10,700 | 10,800 | 10,800 | 7,200 | 7,100 | 7,200 |
| Mining | 600 | 600 | 600 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | — | — | — | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 21,300 | 21,300 | 21,100 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,800 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,700 | 19,800 | 19,600 | 19,500 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,500 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Trade | 8,900 | 8,800 | 9,000 | 134,100 | 133,200 | 130,500 | 8,200 | 8,100 | 8,200 | 10,700 | 10,700 | 10,900 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,700 | 40,300 | 40,300 | 41,100 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,000 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Services & Misc. | 8,900 | 8,700 | 8,900 | 134,800 | 135,000 | 132,500 | 9,000 | 8,800 | 8,900 | 11,100 | 11,100 | 10,800 |
| Government | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,500 | 122,800 | 122,000 | 121,300 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 11,700 | 11,800 | 13,100 |
| | TYLER | | | VICTORIA | | | WACO | | | WICHITA FALLS | | |
| TOTAL | 62,600 | 62,300 | 61,600 | 27,900 | 27,800 | 28,600 | 83,100 | 83,100 | 81,200 | 50,400 | 50,400 | 50,900 |
| Manufacturing | 10,900 | 10,900 | 10,700 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 16,100 | 15,900 | 15,700 | 7,900 | 7,900 | 8,500 |
| Mining | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | — | — | — | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| Construction | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,700 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,500 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,700 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,500 |
| Trade | 16,500 | 16,400 | 16,400 | 7,700 | 7,600 | 7,700 | 18,800 | 18,800 | 18,600 | 12,000 | 11,900 | 12,000 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 5,000 | 5,100 | 5,100 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,300 |
| Services & Misc. | 15,500 | 15,400 | 15,100 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,800 | 23,300 | 23,600 | 22,600 | 12,700 | 12,800 | 12,700 |
| Government | 10,000 | 9,900 | 9,800 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 6,200 | 13,500 | 13,300 | 13,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

# HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NOV.'90* | OCT.'90 | NOV.'89 | NOV.'90* | OCT.'90 | NOV.'89 | NOV.'90* | OCT.'90 | NOV.'89 |
| **FOR TEXAS** | | | | | | | | | |
| **MANUFACTURING TOTAL** | $ 447.32 | $ 444.14 | $ 433.44 | 42.2 | 41.9 | 42.0 | $ 10.60 | $10.60 | $10.32 |
| **Durable Goods** | 437.81 | 437.44 | 436.54 | 42.3 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 10.35 | 10.44 | 10.32 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 316.29 | 312.38 | 304.50 | 42.8 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 7.39 | 7.35 | 7.25 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 278.00 | 282.49 | 285.76 | 39.1 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 7.11 | 7.08 | 7.18 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 418.76 | 419.44 | 414.19 | 42.6 | 42.8 | 42.7 | 9.83 | 9.80 | 9.70 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 519.20 | 517.26 | 476.85 | 44.3 | 44.4 | 42.5 | 11.72 | 11.65 | 11.22 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 417.31 | 406.19 | 394.80 | 43.2 | 42.4 | 43.1 | 9.66 | 9.58 | 9.16 |
| Machinery, exc. Electric | 451.53 | 440.30 | 425.70 | 43.5 | 42.5 | 42.4 | 10.38 | 10.36 | 10.04 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 587.97 | 544.95 | 518.43 | 50.6 | 47.1 | 44.5 | 11.62 | 11.57 | 11.65 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 466.62 | 479.57 | 508.56 | 41.7 | 41.2 | 42.7 | 11.19 | 11.64 | 11.91 |
| Transportation Equipment | 528.23 | 544.05 | 568.65 | 40.2 | 40.3 | 42.5 | 13.14 | 13.50 | 13.38 |
| Instruments & Related Prod. | 413.91 | 413.70 | 384.64 | 40.9 | 40.4 | 39.9 | 10.12 | 10.24 | 9.64 |
| Misc. Manufacturing Inds. | 318.22 | 300.29 | 302.30 | 42.6 | 40.8 | 40.2 | 7.47 | 7.36 | 7.52 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 458.47 | 453.18 | 429.73 | 42.1 | 42.0 | 41.6 | 10.89 | 10.79 | 10.33 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 375.41 | 370.96 | 357.73 | 43.4 | 43.9 | 43.1 | 8.65 | 8.45 | 8.30 |
| Meat Products | 274.33 | 284.65 | 282.94 | 42.4 | 44.2 | 43.0 | 6.47 | 6.44 | 6.58 |
| Malt Beverages | 950.76 | 807.36 | 812.65 | 49.7 | 43.5 | 44.7 | 19.13 | 18.56 | 18.18 |
| Textile Mill Products | 322.92 | 342.43 | 322.39 | 41.4 | 43.4 | 43.1 | 7.80 | 7.89 | 7.48 |
| Apparel & Other Text. Prods. | 208.99 | 213.94 | 197.05 | 36.6 | 37.6 | 36.9 | 5.71 | 5.69 | 5.34 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 490.56 | 493.89 | 501.53 | 43.8 | 43.4 | 44.7 | 11.20 | 11.38 | 11.22 |
| Printing & Publishing | 437.26 | 438.34 | 413.36 | 40.6 | 40.7 | 39.9 | 10.77 | 10.77 | 10.36 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 727.32 | 719.57 | 697.87 | 44.0 | 43.4 | 43.4 | 16.53 | 16.58 | 16.08 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 811.10 | 772.02 | 719.40 | 47.6 | 45.2 | 44.6 | 17.04 | 17.08 | 16.13 |
| Petroleum Refining | 846.39 | 801.36 | 748.73 | 47.9 | 45.3 | 44.7 | 17.67 | 17.69 | 16.75 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products | 382.75 | 383.23 | 367.92 | 41.2 | 40.9 | 41.2 | 9.29 | 9.37 | 8.93 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 267.15 | 274.86 | 246.93 | 40.6 | 41.9 | 39.7 | 6.58 | 6.56 | 6.22 |
| **NONMANUFACTURING** | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining | 639.84 | 629.71 | 530.47 | 46.5 | 46.2 | 40.9 | 13.76 | 13.63 | 12.97 |
| Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel | 624.33 | 621.69 | 541.55 | 50.8 | 51.0 | 45.7 | 12.29 | 12.19 | 11.85 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 640.33 | 629.29 | 530.24 | 46.2 | 45.8 | 40.6 | 13.86 | 13.74 | 13.06 |
| Communications | 509.20 | 522.54 | 514.81 | 38.9 | 39.2 | 40.6 | 13.09 | 13.33 | 12.68 |
| Elec., Gas & San. Services | 569.86 | 572.05 | 506.76 | 42.4 | 42.5 | 41.0 | 13.44 | 13.46 | 12.36 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 239.67 | 239.34 | 237.25 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 32.5 | 7.42 | 7.41 | 7.30 |
| Wholesale Trade | 422.01 | 420.28 | 416.06 | 39.7 | 39.5 | 39.4 | 10.63 | 10.64 | 10.56 |
| Retail Trade | 184.80 | 185.12 | 183.01 | 30.0 | 30.1 | 30.4 | 6.16 | 6.15 | 6.02 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 185.12 | 184.46 | 179.02 | 30.1 | 29.8 | 29.3 | 6.15 | 6.19 | 6.11 |
| Depository Inst. inc. Banks | 301.07 | 296.64 | 279.31 | 36.1 | 36.0 | 36.8 | 8.34 | 8.24 | 7.59 |

## HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DALLAS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $ 433.84 | $ 445.82 | $ 452.98 | 41.2 | 41.9 | 43.1 | $ 10.53 | $ 10.64 | $ 10.51 |
| Durable Goods | 452.92 | 468.02 | 489.72 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 44.0 | 10.94 | 11.17 | 11.13 |
| Nondurable Goods | 400.66 | 407.27 | 391.15 | 40.8 | 41.9 | 41.7 | 9.82 | 9.72 | 9.38 |
| **FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 457.33 | 467.81 | 459.79 | 40.4 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 11.32 | 11.41 | 11.16 |
| Durable Goods | 478.74 | 498.00 | 483.55 | 40.4 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 11.85 | 12.00 | 11.68 |
| Nondurable Goods | 410.67 | 401.20 | 406.59 | 40.5 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 10.14 | 10.03 | 9.99 |
| **HOUSTON** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 546.43 | 536.47 | 518.18 | 44.9 | 44.3 | 44.1 | 12.17 | 12.11 | 11.75 |
| Durable Goods | 471.71 | 457.91 | 441.00 | 45.4 | 44.5 | 44.1 | 10.39 | 10.29 | 10.00 |
| Nondurable Goods | 636.48 | 631.95 | 614.24 | 44.2 | 44.1 | 44.0 | 14.40 | 14.33 | 13.96 |
| **SAN ANTONIO** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 314.79 | 315.06 | 307.98 | 40.1 | 40.6 | 40.9 | 7.85 | 7.76 | 7.53 |
| Durable Goods | 331.29 | 329.93 | 334.87 | 40.9 | 41.5 | 40.2 | 8.10 | 7.95 | 8.33 |
| Nondurable Goods | 296.74 | 298.58 | 282.88 | 39.2 | 39.6 | 41.6 | 7.57 | 7.54 | 6.80 |

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

reported its largest gain in Health Services, up 1,600 from October. Expansion in some medical facilities for full service medical centers resulted in an increase of 1,100 in Hospitals.

**Construction** reported an increase of 400 over the month. The total Construction figure of 325,800 represented an upswing of 8,300 from November '89.

The only sector of Nonmanufacturing to register an overall loss was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, down by 500 over the month, and down by 1,900 over the year.

**Manufacturing** lost 100 jobs from October. The Manufacturing total of 967,000 was also down by 4,300 from November 89. **Durable Goods** reported a loss of 300 over the month, with the largest downturn occurring in Transportation Equipment. Some of the offsetting gains in Durables were reported in Industrial Machinery and Equipment where Oil and Gas Field Machinery rose by 800, in Fabricated Metal Industries, up by 400, and Primary Metal Industries, up by 200.

**Nondurables** rose by 200 over the month and 800 over the year. The largest gain in Durables was in Chemicals and Allied Products, which increased by 400 from October. Some offsetting losses occurred in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, down by 300, and in Printing and Publishing, down by 200 over the month.

## TEC ACTIVITIES

| | Nov.'90 | Nov.'89 |
|---|---|---|
| Total Population | 17,196,200* | 17,042,300* |
| % UI Covered Unemployment | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| UI Covered Employers | 318,547 | 311,918 |
| Total Claims Actions | 572,634 | 563,363 |
| Total Initial Claims Actions | 74,918 | 71,047 |
| Total Cont'd. Claims Actions | 497,716 | 492,316 |
| Total Placements | 32,289 | 32,067 |
| Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount | $156.63 | $154.10 |
| Total Amount Paid (Net)** | $59,949,840 | $58,519,320 |

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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### Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 630,100 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings remained the same, at $10.60, between October and November. Average Weekly Hours were up by three tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $3.18 over the month. This was $13.88 above the November 1989 level.

In mid-November a worker, on average, was earning $10.60 per hour for a 42.2-hour week, and making $447.32 in weekly earnings. This compared with $10.60 per hour for a 41.9-hour week, at $444.14 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.32 per hour for a 42.0-hour week, with $433.44 in Average Weekly Earnings.

Nondurable Goods reported a rise of $5.29 per hour in Average Weekly Earnings over the month. Compared to one year ago, Nondurables increased by $28.74. The largest gain in Nondurables was in Malt Beverages, up by $143.40 from October. The largest gain in Durable Goods was reported in Oil Field Machinery, up $43.02 over the month.

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